

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method of making a metallic shell for a spark plug. The metallic shell includes a multi-stepped through hole, an intermediate tubular portion, a tip end side tubular portion and a base end side tubular portion. The through hole includes a large diameter hole section, an intermediate diameter hole section and a small diameter hole section. The method includes the steps of cutting a metal pipe that is used as a starting material to a predetermined length and thereby preparing a pipe-shaped blank, and subjecting the blank to a deformation process and thereby forming the blank into the metallic shell. A spark plug and a method of making the same are also disclosed.